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TO : EIC Secretariat

FROM : EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower

SUBJECT: Annual Review of Activities and Accomplishments of the EIC Subcommittee on Population and Manpower.

1. Review of the Intelligence Product and the Research Facilities Available for Producing Intelligence in the Subcommittee's Field of Competence.

- A. The subcommittee finds the professional resources available in the government fairly adequate to meet the needs of the United States in the field of foreign population and manpower research. The professional capabilities of the practicing researchers are a high quality. Deficiencies in the data available for many strategic countries continue to present problems in methodology and analysis. Regional data, in particular, are scanty in scope.
- B. Conclusions of the subcommittee on the allocation of research responsibilities among member agencies:
 - (1) G-2 to handle questions of military manpower and total population.
 - (2) A-2 to treat questions of air force manpower and to analyze general problems of the distribution of population and manpower, especially in strategic target areas
 - (3) N-2 to handle questions of naval manpower and the population of strategic target and port areas
 - (4) Labor to be concerned with labor economies, labor conditions and estimates of labor force and of labor productivity for any country.
 - (5) State to be concerned with MIS production, and in general with estimates of population and manpower for all countries of the world.
 - (6) Census to complete unfinished studies on population and labor force in the Satellites; to continue analyses on countries in Southeast Asia (including China); to assist Labor and CIA in the study of industrial labor in the Satellite areas; to provide projections of the age-sex distribution of the Soviet population to 1975; and to assist CIA on an ad hoc basis in the analysis of demographic problems generally.

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- (7) CIA to develop and coordinate estimates of population, manpower, and labor productivity in the USSR, the Satellites, and Southeast Asia (including China).

2. Programming of Research Priorities.

- A. Distribution of the Labor Force by Industry. Census has contributed two studies in this field, for Rumania and Poland. CIA is currently engaged in similar studies for other Satellites. Census and CIA will coordinate efforts to analyze the data on labor force distribution given in the new Soviet handbook for the USSR. CIA has contributed a study on the labor force of China in this field. In fiscal year 1957 CIA plans to analyze the distribution of agricultural labor in China by province.
- B. Productivity of Labor in the Soviet Bloc. Projects have been published in this field only for the USSR, for industrial and agricultural labor. Labor has collected a large body of information and has developed plans for analysis of labor productivity in industry in Czechoslovakia and Poland.
- C. Population and Manpower in Strategic Areas. Air, Census, and CIA are coordinating studies of strategic areas. Several have been published in the past year. More and better data are available by province and region.

3. Discussion of Basic Statistics and of Research Method.

- A. A relatively wide area of agreement on basic data and method is a recurrent characteristic of the working relationships of the members of the subcommittee.
- B. Two meetings of the Subcommittee during the fiscal year 1956 were held on the subjects of the population of China and the USSR.

4. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee on Population and Manpower is a very useful mechanism for coordinating research, for the discussion of research problems in the intelligence community, and for mutual criticism of current and completed projects undertaken by member agencies. It promotes mutual understanding of the basic statistics used in research and prevents duplication of effort in the intelligence community. It also is an important forum for assisting and guiding Census in its work on the population and manpower of foreign countries.

5. Future Program of the Subcommittee.

Of immediate concern to the members of the Subcommittee is the problem of analyzing the data provided by the new Soviet handbook on the population and labor force of the USSR. Census, Air, OACSI, and CIA will in the immediate future provide revisions of previous estimates for general distribution in the intelligence community.

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